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Principal's Note...

Dear Parents and Community Members.

Magnet application time for 09-10 is here!!

We send a very special valentine wish to each of our many volunteers. February is such a busy month. We are holding teacher-parent conferences, administering Florida Writes test, sending home report cards, and accelerating the environmental activities. The PTA campfire was a great event and perfect weather.

Our science LEGO in house field trip was a great success. This tells us that they are understanding science and methodology to a greater degree. Because we emphasis the importance of science, there are a great many projects made. Our children worked very hard on them and we are proud of them. Congratulations on a job well done!

On Tuesday Feb. 10th, our fourth grade will be taking the Florida Writes test. Our student population will show support and importance, by using that hour to focus on writing. The rest of FCAT tests will begin March 10th. We are furnishing snacks and water for Feb and PTA will furnish it in March. Our teachers are working very hard and putting in many extra hours to meet the students' needs.

We appreciate the many volunteers that help our teachers and children so much. Each parent's emphasis on academic excellence will move your child on to the level you expect.

As you have been reading in the paper, the District's Budget for next year is a very high shortfall. Dr. Janssen is gathering input regarding cuts that will need to be made.

We applied for and have been awarded a grant with the Olweus Foundation for a anti-bullying program. Ms. Cunningham, our counselor will be sharing more information on this next month as we receive training and begin implementation of the program

Thank you for all that each of you and your child do to make BPE a good place to learn.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively

This month:

- 2nd Magnet Information Fair at Dunedin Middle School, 6:30-8:30pm
- 3rd Carnival Puppet Show, Café Ole Discovery Night at BPE, 6-7 pm
- 4th Carnival Puppet Show, Café Ole BPE Magnet Tour, 9:30am
- 5th Domino's Pizza Dough Night Dental Presentations (grade 4)
- 10th Florida Writes
- 11th BPE Magnet Tour, 9:30am
- 12th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 13th Westminster Shores (gifted, gr. 1)
- 14th Math Mania, Pinellas Park High
- 16th **Early Release Day, 12:40 dismissal**
MAGNET APPLICATION PERIOD ENDS
- 18th Chik Fil A Spirit Night—St Pete Bch
- 19th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 26th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 27th Twentieth National African American Authors Read-In Day



Clubs (Clubs meet after school. Check with the club sponsor for pick-up time. Your child will be dismissed from clubs if they are not picked up promptly)

- Camera Club: 3rd, 17th
- Club Olé: 10th, 24th
- Community Care Kids Club: 11th, 25th
- Earth Force: 2nd, 16th
- Guitar-Beginning: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
- Guitar-Intermediate and Advanced: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
- Young Astronauts: 10th, 24th

Bay Point Elementary Magnet School's mission is to promote highest student achievement in a safe learning environment by utilizing an integrated system of learning with an emphasis on math, science, technology and foreign language.

A Community of Master Learners

From the Science Guy

...Mr. Ron Woolums

In the lab in February, the **Kindergarten** children will be exploring heat and light energy and different sources of energy. The **first grade** students will be learning how to read a thermometer and measuring temperatures in different situations. **Second graders** will experiment and measure the heat absorbed by different materials. They will also investigate light energy and different materials to see which are transparent, translucent or opaque. **Third grade** classes will experiment with heat gain or loss in chemical reactions and learn how light can be reflected and refracted. **Fourth grade** students will construct a simple, a series, and a parallel circuit and map the flow of energy through each system. The **fifth grade** classes will create magnetic fields with different kinds of magnets and trace the flow of energy in them. They will also trace the flow of energy through different biological systems (food chains and human).



Bay Point Elementary is making great strides in becoming more environmentally friendly to become the **first Green School** in Pinellas County. We already have been collecting and recycling newspapers and classroom paper. This year **Mr. Bowen's class** has been collecting plastic bottles for recycling. **Mr. Pipino's class** has trying to start a program to collect and recycle juice pouches and snack bar wrappers. **Ms. Warson's Earth Force Club** is exploring how to get and construct rain barrels for our school to collect rainwater to water the plants in the courtyard. Many of our classes have students as light monitors to turn the lights off when the class leaves the room. So far this has been an exciting Green Year.

I'm Fit, I'm It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

Congress required the president back in 1963 to proclaim February "American Heart Month."

The month of February is dedicated to raising awareness about heart disease and increasing knowledge about prevention. Let's all be heart smart. The steps to a healthy heart include preventing and controlling factors that can lead to heart disease--smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, physical inactivity, obesity, and diabetes. By avoiding tobacco, limiting consumption of alcohol, exercising regularly, eating a nutritious diet, and maintaining a healthy weight, Americans can substantially reduce their risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

We Are Hosting the 20th Annual African American Author Read-In

In addition to other activities celebrating Black History Month, we will have a read-in on February 27th. Students will be given a selection of books authored by African American writers from which to choose. Mrs. Parker and Ms. Sanchez will turn in a "host report card" to add our readers to the national tally. You may find a list of books online at: www.ncte.org/action/aari/packetinfo Scroll to the bottom and click the link to a suggested book list.



MORE CONTENT ON-LINE!

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Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

On February 2nd, Bay Point students will celebrate *cien días en la escuela* (hundred days at school). Our kindergarteners will be making a lists with their Spanish teacher of one hundred Spanish word they already know. Other classes will count to *cien (100) en español*. Encourage your child to share with you what they have learned in Spanish.

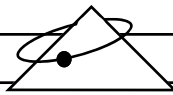
¡Gracias!

Lego Team

...Mrs. Darlene McLean

Congratulations to the **2008 BPE Robopanthers Lego Team** for bringing home the trophy for TEAMWORK! Out of 16 teams from around the state, our team scored highest to earn this very important trophy. More than half of the teams there have competed in this competition before, but the Robopanthers didn't know what to expect. The team was also given high praise for Team Spirit! There were many parts to this competition including 48 possible Lego missions (programming a robot to do certain tasks), a technical question & answer period, the teamwork activity, and research project with a skit designed by team members. First Lego League values were incorporated throughout.

5th grade participants were **Malcolm Butler, Isaac Andersen, Tyler Bittner, and Nathan Huynh**. 4th grade participants were **Bryan Peebles, Drew Carvill, Sathya Romero-Rueda, Emily Porterfield, Jamie Loomas, and Forest Dennis**. The coach was **Mrs. Andrea Carvill**, a teacher from Lakewood High, and the parent mentor was **Mrs. Andrea Andersen**. Two high school students who also served as mentors were **Derek Schwarz and Josh Moushon**.



12 Words to FCAT Success

TRACE

List steps from beginning to end.

ANALYZE

Break it apart. Think about it.

INFER

Look for clues. What does it mean?

EVALUATE

You be the judge. Tell the good and the bad.

FORMULATE

Put it together. Create.

DESCRIBE

Tell all about it. Use your senses. Tell who, what, when, where, why, and how.

SUPPORT

Give reasons why. Give details or examples. Back it up!

EXPLAIN

Tell how. Tell who, what, when, where, and why.

SUMMARIZE

Tell it in a few sentences. Put it in your own words.

COMPARE

How are they alike? Tell all the ways they are the same.

CONTRAST

How are they different? Tell all the ways they are different.

PREDICT

What do you think will happen next? Guess the outcome.

Congratulations, Cindy Wilson!!

Bay Point Elementary's very own Cindy Wilson has been selected as a District Finalist for Outstanding School Volunteer. She was nominated for her contributions as a classroom volunteer, Young Astronaut Club sponsor, field trip chaperone, and the list goes on.

Thank you for all you do Cindy!

5 Ways To Help Your Student Stay Alert and Ready to Learn Throughout the Day

1. Get a good night's sleep
2. Start with a healthy breakfast
3. Pack a healthful snack
4. Pack a healthful lunch
5. Get enough physical activity

▪ Provided Courtesy of Fit School, Inc.
Have a healthy 2009!

Kudos to 2nd Grade

Srta. Jakubik would like to congratulate her 2nd Grade classes for achieving their goals in the Spanish Homework Assignments.

Srta. Pierson, Sra. Jefferis and Sr. Wood's classes have worked very hard and they have achieved turning in 100% of their Spanish Homework for the months of September, October and November.

¡Buen trabajo! ¡Bien hecho!
Congratulations to the teachers, the students and the parents!!!
¡Gracias!

3 R's of Bullying

...Ms. Kerry Cunningham

Classroom Guidance this year for the upper grades is a wonderful program called **Steps To Respect**. Each month every 3rd, 4th and 5th grade class participates in a guidance lesson that focuses on bullying prevention. We are covering the "Three R's of Bullying": Recognize, Refuse, and Report.

Students in the lower grades are participating in **Second Step Violence Prevention** monthly with the guidance counselor as well. Both programs are research based and very kid-friendly. Next year will be an exciting time as Bay Point is one of just twenty-six schools selected to implement the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Stay tuned for me information regarding this excellent program.

Make sure your child is at their desk daily by 8:35 AM



Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield, YAC Coordinator

Bay Point's Young Astronauts have blasted into the new year with plans to reach the stars! All of our students have grown together, we have an awesome bunch of students that make Bay Point proud! With 2009 in place, we continue to learn, experience, build models and keep our minds expanding. All of the members are required to complete 3 projects to be in good standing, and qualify to return next year. Topics presented have been covered all aspects of science, flight, astronomy, and space exploration. From early space flight time lines, to cutting edge reports on the **scramjet** (supersonic combustion ramjet)!

Our students have a desire to learn more, and more! A big thanks to all the parents that give support to the students, and our organization! Group three has finally landed back in Florida since our Kennedy Overnight trip. We now set our sites on building flyable rockets! Soon, all groups will begin construction on our end of the year powered rocket kit. If you have ever built, or want to just help out, contact your child's group leader!

If you are, or know of someone in the space, science field that would like to visit our members, please contact the coordinator, John Barfield, at: Firebeach1@aol.com, or call, 727-698-0598. Thank for your continued support if Bay Point's Young Astronauts Club!

Parent-Teacher Association

We would like to thank all the children, families and our coordinators **Mrs. Astorga** and **Ms. Harrington** for the wonderful response and entries into the Reflection Art Program. There are so many talented artists in our school! They all deserve a round of applause! What is even more exciting with this being our first year back in the program is we have two entries going on to the state level! Congratulation to **Monroe Stanley** and **Natalie Ottaviani**. We will keep you posted as the selection progresses. Please visit our website as we are posting the kids artwork on it.

Legislative Update: "Invest in Children - Invest in their Education."

Article IX, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution states "The education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. It is, therefore, a paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders."

Currently, Florida stands at the bottom (50th) of the ladder in funding education and children's services. As the largest child advocacy organization in this state, we want to ensure that a stable source of funding flows into the state's coffers to meet the budget needs of OUR children. We understand that the state and nation are facing tough economic times. However, a quality education system is the key to economic recovery and stability and the needs of children have to be prioritized by the Legislature. The policies of the past have contributed to the under funding of education and children's services and depleted the revenue stream. In spite of the economic problems, there are actions the Legislature can take to generate additional revenue and minimize further cuts. There are ways for us to have our concerns heard:

- ◆ Visit your legislator. Legislators will be at home in their district during the months of January and February. We ask that you visit your legislators, with as many members of your PTA as possible and talk to them about the real impact of these cuts on your school. If you are unable to visit our representative, write them.
- ◆ Write letters to the editor.
- ◆ Visit other community groups and encourage them to join in the campaign to prioritize the needs of children.
- ◆ Sign up to receive Florida PTA alerts at <http://www.floridapta.org/CapWiz.html> (click on Action E-List) and respond to these alerts.

Paper Donation

Thank you Anne Marie Lynch for the donation of much needed paper!

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020



It's Not Safe

Cars are not allowed in the bus circle during the following times:
8:15 – 9:00 and 2:25 – 3:00

Cars pulling around the buses pose a safety hazard to the children.

Please use the south parking lot. Park in the spaces and keep the drive through lanes clear.

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

~Native American Proverb

Adopt-A-Class

Thank you to these families and businesses who have adopted a program or class this month:

Antonette Dusenbery

Mr. Levesque

Daniel and Jennifer Bell

Ms. Greenwood

Magnet Application

Period Ends

Monday, February 16th
at 5:00 PM

Acceptance Period

March 2nd through the 13th

District Information Fairs—

Mon. Feb. 2nd, Dunedin MS,
6:30pm-8:30pm

BPE Magnet Tours—

Begin at 9:30 am in the office
February 4th, 11th

BPE Discovery Night—

Tuesday February 3rd at 6:00 pm

Siblings of Current BPE Students

Parents of incoming siblings must call Ms. Rivera at 552-1449 to assure sibling priority at BPE



Outgrown Your Uniform?

The School's ECO shop is in need of donations of gently used T's, and uniform pants. If your child has outgrown their clothes, please consider sending them into the office to

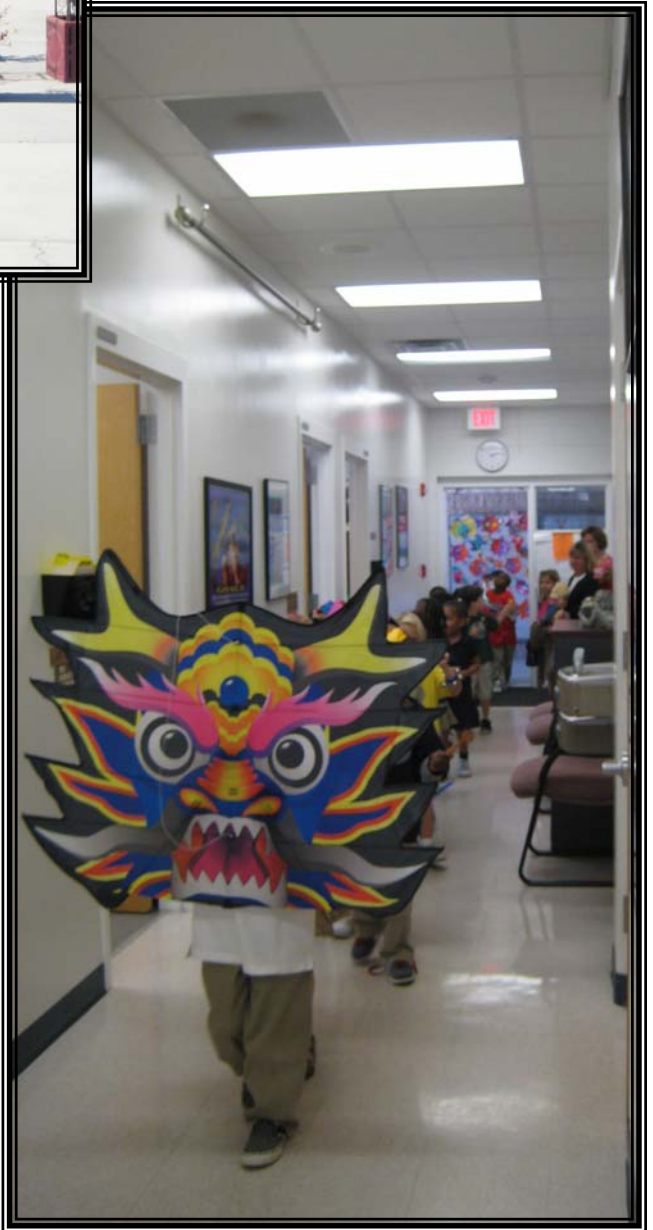
☞ Update your child's CLINIC CARD if you have changed your phone number or address.



Kindergarten students celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Bay Point Elementary's nominee for Outstanding School Volunteer, Cindy Wilson, was chosen as a District Finalist. Shown here are Mrs. Lively, Ms. Wilson, Mr. John Barfield (a past honoree) and Ms. Sue Godfirnon

City of St. Petersburg Mayor, Rick Baker, visited to encourage students to read.





Author William Durbin Visits
With Mrs. Parker

Young men take part in the
5000 Role Model Induction
Ceremony as Ms. Owens helps.



Mr. Woolums assists students taking part
in the LEGO on campus field trip.

